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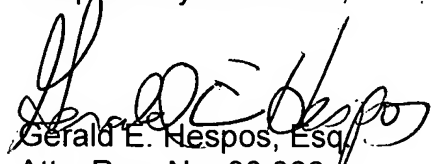
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Sir:

This Information Disclosure Statement includes a copy of Form PTO-1449 that identifies three U.S. Patents, three foreign patent documents and one non-patent publication. Copies of the foreign patent documents and the non-patent publication are attached. The relevancy of U.S. Patent No. 3,013,467 is described on page 1 of the subject application. U.S. Patent No. 6,396,587 is the equivalent of DE 199 29 406 which is described on pages 3 and 5 of the subject application. WO 98/52021 and the non-patent publication were cited in the International Search Report as Category A documents relating to the general state-of-the-art. The reference was not considered to be particularly relevant by the International Searcher. The other references are considered by the inventors and the assignee to be of general reference to optical devices of the type disclosed and claimed in the subject application.

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OTHER DOCUMENTS		(Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)
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